

PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
of the
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Minutes

A regular meeting of the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Wednesday, **December 1, 2004.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Jay Schneiderman • Chairperson

Legislator Cameron Alden

Legislator Angie Carpenter

Legislator Vivian Vilorio • Fisher

Legislator Ricardo Montano

Legislator Peter O'Leary

Legislator Jon Cooper

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MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

Legislator Michael Caracciolo • Vice • Chair

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mea Knapp • Counsel to the Legislature

Ronald Foley • Chief Deputy Commissioner of Parks

Tracey Bellone • Deputy Commissioner of Parks

Ben Zwirn • County Executive's Office

Sean Clancy • Budget Review Office

Charlie Bender • Aide to P.O. Caracappa

All other interested parties

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MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano • Court Stenographer

(* THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:35 A.M. *)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by myself.

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CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Thank you. Okay. Do we have any yellow cards, Sandy?

MS. SULLIVAN:

No.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

No? Okay. So moving on to the agenda here. I think I want to take a couple of things out of order. We have a couple of individuals here who are potential appointments.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

1988, Mr. Chair, Gary Olsen is here.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Gary, you want to step forward and introduce yourself?

MR. OLSEN:

My name is Gary Olsen, vice president with Symbol Technologies in Holtsville, resident of Setauket for the last 14 years, and basically a volunteer in various things, including vice•chair of the Brookhaven YMCA, on the board of various volunteer organizations also.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions for Mr. Olsen? You want to say at all why you are interested in serving in this capacity on the Parks Trustees?

MR. OLSEN:

Yes. Well, I'm very interested in the parks because I'm a user of the parks; cross country skier, do that in the parks, boater also. And in my job, I'm doing lands acquisition, construction world wide for Symbol. So I see different parks world wide throughout the United States and am very interested in the preserving the life we have here on Long Island, preserving what we have for our children.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other questions for Mr. Olsen? Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

I don't know if you touched on it, but •• and thanks for stepping forward, because it's a big commitment. Do you have the time to put in?

MR. OLSEN:

I'll make the time. What I've found out is I've already sat in on one meeting as a guest, and I see that I'll have to do my homework to find out what's happening and what's coming up in the Town of Brookhaven and represent that kind of that •• that property and know all about it coming into those meetings. So I will do that.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. Because it's not just about preservation either or the purchase of it. It's like you said before, it's preservation. And there's a little bit of problem that we have with parks in that we buy all these pieces of property, and we really don't have enough police to patrol those. So some kind of innovative solution is going to have to come from •• we're going to look at you guys to come up with so that we can, you know, go forward and actually preserve these parcels and keep them in nice pristine shape, because right now, you know, like •• and you're probably more aware of it than I am even in the Brookhaven end of it, but, you know, the misuse of some of our County lands, and it's not just parks, it's property that we have gives to Parks to look after. But some of it's being abused.

MR. OLSEN:

I understand. And I do handle the security for Symbol, prior to that LIA, which was in Deer Park, so I'm familiar with some measures of control.

LEG. ALDEN:

Good. You'll be bringing some good stuff to the table then.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Viloria•Fisher, please.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Yes. I had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Olsen. We had a little time before the meeting. And I was also impressed that he attended a meeting of the Park Trustees even before being appointed so that he could see how it operates and what their function and their mission is. And I truly appreciate his coming forward and being willing to serve in this capacity. I have always enjoyed the expertise that our different trustees bring to the board, I think that Mr. Olsen certainly does bring as a user of the parks his own expertise. Thank you very much for stepping forward.

MR. OLSEN:

Thank you.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

I'd like to make a motion to approve.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So there's a motion to take this resolution, 1988, out of order and a second. All in favor?

1988•04. Appointing member to the Suffolk County board of Trustees of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (Gary Olsen). (VILORIA•FISHER).

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So we take 1988 out of order. Now there's a motion to approve by Legislator Fisher, seconded by Legislator Carpenter. All in favor, aye? Any opposed? Resolution carried. **APPROVED.**
(VOTE:7•0•0•1).

(Not present; Legis. Caracciolo)

This will go before the main committee as well. You do not need to appear before the full Legislature. Thank you, Mr. Olsen. I'd like to make a motion to take Resolution 2089 out of order.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Second.

2089•04. Appointing Gretchen Oldrin•Mones as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 1). (VILORIA•FISHER).

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

There is a second. All in favor. Okay. So we'll take 2089. Is Ms. Oldrin•Mones here, if she'll step forward?

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Yes, she is.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

If she will step to the podium. Again, introduce yourself and say why you are interested in serving in this capacity.

MS. OLDRIN•MONES:

Okay. Good morning. I'm Gretchen Oldrin•Mones, and I'm a Stony Brook resident. And I've retired after 33 years of teaching in the Middle Country School District, where I taught English

at Newfield and Centereach High School. And I'm very, very excited about the possibility of becoming a trustee at the Vanderbilt. I love the Vanderbilt. It is an outstanding facility and cultural and educational resource. And I thank you for considering me for this position. And it would be an honor for me to use whatever skills I have to bring to that position.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions for Ms. Oldrin•Mones? Cameron Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Now, you're retired, so you obviously have the time to do it, right?

MS. OLDRIN•MONES:

Yes, I do.

LEG. ALDEN:

You know, obviously you've been there too, it's a little bit of a long ride, right?

MS. OLDRIN•MONES:

Not if you take the back way from Stony Brook, about 20 minutes.

LEG. ALDEN:

Oh, that's all?

MS. OLDRIN•MONES:

Yeah. Well, depending on traffic.

LEG. ALDEN:

Yeah, because from my house it can take as much as, like, an hour to go, but that's from the South Shore going up.

MS. OLDRIN•MONES:

That's the difference.

LEG. ALDEN:

All right.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Viloría•Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Gretchen, I'd like to thank you for stepping up to the plate here on this. And I do want to say that Ms. Mones was a very well respected English teacher at the Middle Country School District for years as someone what had a true appreciation of the arts and literature and a great repoire with the students, great leadership. And I think that she'll bring all of her many years of experience as a teacher, as a person who had a leadership position as a teacher, she will bring all of that to play as member of the board of the Vanderbilt Museum. And I'm very, very proud that I have her here as an appointee that I'm recommending. Thank you, Gretchen, for coming down.

MS. OLDRIN•MONES:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Carpenter.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Thank you. I really want to commend Legislator Viloría•Fisher with this appointment, because I was just talking to a trustee the other day at the Vanderbilt, and the comment he made to me was that they really could use another educator on the board. So this is really going to be a very nice compliment to the people that are already serving there. I thank you for coming forward.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Other questions or comments? Okay. There's motion to approve by Legislator Viloría•Fisher, seconded by Legislator Cooper. All in favor? Any Opposed? Resolution carried. **APPROVED.**
(VOTE:7•0•0•1) (Not present; Legis. Caracciolo)

Congratulations. Again, you don't need to appear before the full Legislature, okay, which will •• I guess, December 7th it will be before the full Legislature. Thank you.

MS. OLDRIN•MONES:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We have one more, which is the potential **appointment of Christopher Drake to the Parks Trustees**, that's Resolution **1892**. I'll make a motion to take that out of order, seconded by Legislator Cooper. All in favor. Actually, we don't need to take it out of order. Cancel that. Strike that. It's in the proper order.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Actually, Mr. Chair, there is something before that. There's a tabled, 1388, and I'm just going to make a motion to table that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I don't have that on my agenda. It's been stricken.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Okay. Thank you. So we're up to 1892, and I believe Mr. Drake is here and moving toward the podium as I speak. I think you know the routine. Introduce yourself and tell us why you're interesting in serving.

MR. DRAKE:

My name is Christopher Drake, I'm a resident of Shelter Island. I've been a resident there for the last eight years. Currently, I'm serving with •• I'm a Shelter Island Police Officer, full time with Shelter Island. I'm formally employed by the Suffolk County Park Police. There's County Parkland on Shelter Island in itself. I've maintained an active watch of the premises and of the County Parkland, and I've always maintained an interest in conservation and preservation of County Parkland itself. There was an appointment available, this appointment was available, and I took the opportunity to present myself for you for this position. I've always maintained an interest in the County park system, and even now, I think that having the experience that I have had with the East End, I'd like to be considered for this position.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Can I ask, there's a vacancy there, the Shelter Island representative is •• there's nobody serving currently?

MR. DRAKE:

There's nobody serving currently for Shelter Island.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. And did this go before the Town Board?

MR. DRAKE:

This went before the Town Board. It was approved back in, I want to say, June for the Town Board.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Do we have copies of that? I don't have it here. Okay. But there is testimony that it does exist? Okay. Any other questions for Mr. Crake? Okay. Thank you. So I'll make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Carpenter. All in favor? Any Opposed? Resolution is carried.

APPROVED. (VOTE:7•0•0•1) (Not present; Legis. Caracciolo)

Again, Mr. Drake, you don't need to come before the full Legislature, but it will be ••• this resolution will be before us, I believe, on December 7th, okay, for final approval. Moving on with the agenda.

1980•04. Appoint members to the ATV Task Force (slots nos. 7 and 11 • William Patterson and John McGann). (PRESIDING OFFICER)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is there a motion to approve?

LEG. ALDEN:

You might want to table this.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. There's a request by the sponsor to table. Apparently one of the two individuals has

withdrawn their name, so I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Seconded by Legislator O'Leary. All in favor? Any Opposed? So **TABLED. (VOTE:7•0•0•1)**
(Not present; Legis. Caracciolo)

Resolution 1988 we took care of.

2040•04. Authorizing a license agreement for use, improvements and upkeep of vacant land at Farmingville Hills County Park, Town of Brookhaven and for operation of an animal rehabilitation center by Second Chance Wildlife Rescue, Inc. (CARACAPPA).

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is there a motion?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Motion.

LEG. COOPER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Commissioner •• there's a request that Commissioner Foley approach the committee. Legislator Carpenter has a question.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Actually, I'd just thought with any of these, if we had any questions of the Commissioner, but on this specifically, where is this park? I'm not familiar with it.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

This is the first time we're seeing this. This is a little bit of a surprise. We have not been

involved in the development of this proposal to this point. And I thought there was a map attached here.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Are you requesting more time?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I've read through it. If this is the Legislature's desire, I think we can work within the parameters of what's proposed here in the Legislation, work out an agreement with these people. The property is large enough to accommodate such a use. We haven't looked at the restrictions that might on it based on the purchase, so I'm not 100% sure of that. I presume that's been checked into. We have some questions, but I think our challenge is to meet with the group and sit down and see what they actually want and see what we can work out.

LEG. CARPENTER:

And I would presume that we need to approve this so that you can move forward to that point, so I just looked at the backup on this, and I'm comfortable with this. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Carpenter, seconded by Legislator O'Leary.

LEG. ALDEN:

On the motion.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

On the motion, Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Mea, would this have to come back to us for approval if they actually develop terms for the license agreement, or does it just leave it that if the Commissioner is satisfied and we're satisfied?

MS. KNAPP:

It would actually not come back. This is one that's very similar to one that was done about eight years ago, I'm going to say, out in the East End in Legislator Schneiderman's District, there was •• I think it was the Quogue Wildlife, where an organization used a small bit of County property to •• for a rescue, animal rescue. My recollection is that there's not a charge. It's a not•for•profit corporation that does it, and that the terms require them to make the improvements to keep it up and to provide insurance for the County. I don't think that we sought any compensation for that.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I think the second resolved answers your question, it directs us to execute an agreement and work out the details.

LEG. ALDEN:

Yes. We're leaving it all in your hands, and then if you could just keep us informed on that •• any progress with it or lack of progress if that's which way it goes. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other discussion on the motion? I'll call the vote. All in favor? Any Opposed? Abstentions? Okay. So that passes unanimously. **APPROVED. (VOTE:7•0•0•1) (Not present; Legis. Caracciolo).**

2118•04. Amending the 2004 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in the connection with the purchase and installation of a computerized reservation/point of sale system in County parks. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Commissioner, do you want to speak to this at all?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yeah. And the Deputy Commissioner belongs here too. She's been kind of the person responsible for formulating all of this. But I think as many of you know, we have •• we have had problems with cash handling, we've had problems with point of sale in several parks. It was pointed out by the Suffolk County Comptroller whose audit had 86 recommendation in it,

how we need to improve things. The reservation system that people use for both golf and camping is less than state of art, and that's putting it kindly. We desire to put something in place that better serves the public in terms of reservations and helps deal with many of the issues cited by the Comptroller in the way we handle cash, the way we report revenue, the timeliness of our tracking of revenue and our ability to report it to you and BRO and others. That's the goal with this thing. Tracey has the details, if you want to get into that level of details.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Alden first.

LEG. ALDEN:

Is this going to be proprietary then as far as a reservation system for golf and camping?

MS. BELLONE:

Yeah. It's golf and camping together, it's one complete system.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. So we're not going to pay an outside vendee?

MS. BELLONE:

Nope. We own it. We own the data base. We just pay a maintenance fee every year for customer service.

LEG. ALDEN:

We would have to contract with a separate company to do that?

MS. BELLONE:

Nope. Same company that runs it. They would just be on call in case we had any questions •• IT had any questions for them, but that's it, we own the data base.

LEG. ALDEN:

We own the data base now?

MS. BELLONE:

Yeah •• no. We don't own it now. The new system we would own the data base.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. Then we would put out to bid the service of running that?

MS. BELLONE:

It's one complete package. We would put out to bid to buy the software, and the software comes with a yearly maintenance fee of, I think, \$2000 and change so you have the customer services access.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

We would operate it ourselves.

LEG. ALDEN:

Good. Because where I'm getting at is the reservation system, we don't get much of that money. As a matter of fact, it probably costs us money and an individual ends up making a ton of money on it.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I think you have the numbers on there, don't you?

MS. BELLONE:

We currently have Trilogy as our computer reservation system. Over the last fours years, that's as far back •• because I went from 2000 to August of this year, we paid them \$582,000 for •• we pay every transaction we make with the current system.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Those fees will disappear once we get this fully in place.

LEG. ALDEN:

So then they're going to fall to the bottom line as far as our operations, our golf operations?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yes. It will all be revenue to the County.

LEG. ALDEN:

Good.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

That contract she just cited has one more year. So if we are successful in the timing of this, we will have an overlapping system for one year. So we will still be paying that fee or some part of it for 2005 while we get this new system up and running.

LEG. ALDEN:

That's fine. We can work the bugs out and things like that. That's good. Okay. Thanks.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Vilorio•Fisher, please.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is along the same lines. I noticed in the backup that we are currently paying \$125,000 as an annual fee for •• that's charged by the current system; is that ••

MS. BELLONE:

I believe so.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Okay. And the cost of the new software is \$800,000?

MS. BELLONE:

No. We're looking for \$800,000, and we broke it down; \$100,000 for the software; 250 for the hardware and 450 for us to make improvements to the parks; install electricity, move some booths. So it's a whole complete package.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Okay. So in other words, this will pay for itself very quickly.

MS. BELLONE:

Yes.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Okay. What's the cost benefit analysis that's been done? How long will it take to pay for itself? Two years?

MS. BELLONE:

Well, you would purchase the system, and we would own the data base, so right there, that's a savings. And when you look at what we pay for •• this year, we paid \$86,000, and we're paying for just the software at \$100,000, so I would say from the numbers, in two years it would pay for itself.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

And added to that benefit would be •• there are some fees that we haven't been getting because of our antiquated system. Can we assume that •• I mean, from the Comptroller's study, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Well, that's ••

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Are there revenues that we haven't been capturing?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

One would assume that based on the findings of the Comptroller, there may be some amount of money we can capture by tightening up the system. It would be a wild guess to put a number on that. We just don't know, but one could guess that there may be some benefit there.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Okay. Will you be doing is study on a comparison of revenues captured before and after the system?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yeah. We keep record of all our revenue, which we gave you earlier in the year. I'll have that same ability to track what comes in. I think the improvement here is we will be able to tell you

on a much more real•time basis what our revenues are, and that's an advantage for us, to be able to call up on a computer what's the revenue of X toll booth in X park at that moment and give us some chance to find out if something's going on at that moment that we need to look further into. We can't do that now. We can't do that sometimes for weeks after the fact.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Good. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator O'Leary.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Good morning, Commissioner. My concern •• not that I have a concern with the merits of 2118, but it doesn't address what has been previously reported as a possible glitch in the system with respect to the collection of parking fees. Does this computer system at all address that particular situation?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

This is not a cure all for all those things. There are still basic practices we have to implement and develop the ability to check on. That's why in the budget you just approved we will have a new audit team. We will have a principal auditor, a senior auditor and an auditor whose job it will be layout all the procedures and practices that need to be followed to have a good cash handling and internal control system. They will then train people in that, and then they will be responsle for going out and doing spot checks to make sure it's being done right. So there's some human factors that have to change to make this system do everything we want it to. The system itself doesn't solve all of problems. We've got to do some internal stuff too.

LEG. O'LEARY:

My question is, is this system projected to be utilized with respect to the collection of fees?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yes. Yes, it's point of sale. When we say point of sale, I'm talking about the toll booth, the camper check•in area, the golf course registration area, that's the point of sale part of it. Every place where we accept payments, whether it's cash, credit cards, checks, will be tied into this system.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Carpenter.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Thank you. I wanted to ask you about the overlap. You said that there's going to be a year that we're still committed on contract to Trilogy, is it? Is there a fee in addition to the per transaction fee?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

To Trilogy?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Yeah.

MS. BELLONE:

Yes. We pay a yearly fee, then we pay for every transaction, every card that's printed.

LEG. CARPENTER:

What is the base fee, do you know?

MS. BELLONE:

I don't have the details with me. I can get them to you.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Okay. No. I'm just curious to get a handle on how much •• like once this kicks in and you are comfortable with it being operational and we're taking the reservations on your system rather than through Trilogy, we will have ended that per transaction fee, but we still will be obligated for a sum of money, and I'm curious to know what that is.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Well, you can assume it's something in the neighborhood of \$125,000 or less, because that's about what we've been paying.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Do you know what the per transaction fee is?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

When I say 125,000, I'm talking about all inclusive, that's everything. So if we're •• if this contract with Trilogy stays in place, it says we're obliged to pay them the per unit transaction fee whether they did it or not.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Oh, really?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

We're consciously saying we've got to honor that contract or terminate it one way or another, and we've got to have cause for termination. But we think it's important enough to have both things in place ••

LEG. CARPENTER:

I agree. I think with something new like that you're bringing staff on to be running it and everything, you need to have that break in time.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It would really be great if we could avoid that fee somehow, and if there's a way, we will, but I think it's...

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, with the timing of this, when do you think this will be in and up and running?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

We're shooting for the beginning of the operating season 2005. We've got a lot of hurdles to jump to get there.

LEG. CARPENTER:

So at that point then, are we six months into the contract with them?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Five months.

LEG. CARPENTER:

That seems reasonable, so that the contract goes through the end of year. So it gives you six months plus to get all the glitches ironed out and have everyone comfortable with it. So I think it's worth the cost of it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

I just had one other question. Is our system or new system that we're going to put in place, it is flexible enough to handle a possible, like, doubling or tripling? And here's, like, the point that I'm going to get to. If you go to certain areas down in the Carolinas, they have one central area that you can book tee times, reservation, tennis, boating, beach, things like that, same way in Florida and couple of areas out in Arizona have that. Would we be able to operate as a central booking agent so to speak for maybe all golf courses in Suffolk County, all, you know, public •• open to the public type golf courses?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I think it has the capacity to do that.

MS. BELLONE:

It absolutely has the capacity to do that. It's whether we choose to open up.

LEG. ALDEN:

Right. And I'm just looking at, you know, future applications and maybe where we can actually generate a little bit more business for Suffolk County.

MS. BELLONE:

Actually one of benefits of this system that the Commissioner and I have talked about is that Nassau County is purchasing the same system that we're currently likely at, so it's likely that we will both have the same exact system.

LEG. ALDEN:

We might actually be able to tie into Nassau County's system then? Good.

MS. BELLONE:

Just so you know, Islip and Babylon also have the same systems.

LEG. ALDEN:

They already have them?

MS. BELLONE:

Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:

Yes.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. So we're back to Resolution 2118. Do we have a motion? There's a motion to approve by Legislator Fisher, seconded by Legislator Cooper. All in favor? Any Opposed? Abstentions? 2118 is carried. **APPROVED. (VOTE:7•0•0•1) (Not present; Legis. Caracciolo).**

2120•04. Appropriating funds in connection with the stabilization of historic structures and buildings at County parks. (COUNTY EXEC)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Let's do a motion, then we discuss this with the Commissioner. So there's a motion by Legislator Fisher, seconded by myself. And, Commissioner, if you will talk to us a little bit about this resolution as well.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

This is kind of the catch all fund you give us to make repairs to historic properties as they come up; roofs and plumbing systems and things like. We've got a number of things that are in need of repairs. I don't have a specific list of those, but it's kind of a spend•it•as•we•go•and•as•we•find•the•problems category.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

On the motion, Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

What's the total amount on this resolution?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Fifty thousand.

LEG. ALDEN:

Can we expect that to all be spent on Third House, though?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

No. No. Third House is in a state of disrepair that this won't help much, so we have other money to spend on Third House.

LEG. ALDEN:

Thanks.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This isn't even a third of the Third House funds. Any other discussion? Calling the vote on 2120. All in favor? Any Opposed? Abstentions? Passed and carried. **APPROVED. (VOTE:7•0•0•1)**

(Not present; Legis. Caracciolo).

2125•04. Amending the 2004 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds for planning for the construction of a skate park at Smith Point Park, Town of Brookhaven. (O'LEARY)

LEG. O'LEARY:

Motion to approve with explanation.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. There's a motion, and I'll second •• seconded by Legislator Carpenter. On the motion, Legislator O'Leary.

LEG. O'LEARY:

I'll make it very quick. In the '04 Capital Budget Program, \$250,000 was appropriated for a skate park at the Smith Point Park, and there was no money set aside for planning and design. What this does is take 30,000 of the \$250,000 and transfers it •• for the planning and design of the skate park. I think that's the intent of this motion, is it not, BRO?

MR. CLANCY:

Yes. Actually, the offset was changed from 7162 to 7510 because the \$250,000 that was appropriated was appropriated for a specific purpose, for construction. So we found an alternate offset. So there is an amended copy, I don't know if it's available to everybody.

LEG. O'LEARY:

No, I don't have it. When was it amended?

MR. CLANCY:

As of the deadline, which was, I think, last Wednesday or Monday. I don't remember when the deadline was.

MS. KNAPP:

11/29.

MR. CLANCY:

The 29th.

LEG. O'LEARY:

That's what this, it takes 30,000 of the appropriated 250 and puts it into planning and design, does it not?

MR. CLANCY:

It does still give the 30,000 for planning, but it just uses a different offset. Rather than the \$250,000 that was already appropriated, it uses \$30,000 from a different Capital Project.

LEG. O'LEARY:

What project?

MR. CLANCY:

Capital Project 7510, historic structures. Historic structures, which was the previous resolution, which was 2120, it's the same Capital Project.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Let me understand this correctly then. There's still 250 for construction and now 30,000 for planning.

MR. CLANCY:

Correct.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Then I misunderstood. I thought it was 30 from the 250.

MR. CLANCY:

It was. We had to amend it. We had to make another amended copy of this resolution. I'll get a copy.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Can you do that so we can have it for the meeting on 7th.

LEG. ALDEN:

Why don't you stay there for a minute.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

I have a question before you run away.

LEG. ALDEN:

Me too.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Let me just get this straight. We just passed 2120, which is •• that project number is 7510, and that was for \$50,000. We're appropriating \$50,000 here for historic structures. How much money is in that code? You say •• you said we're taking 30,000 out of 7510.

MR. CLANCY:

Correct.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

What is the total?

MR. CLANCY:

The adopted was 650,000.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

I see. And so we're drawing down from that historic structures code.

MR. CLANCY:

Correct.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Fifty thousand dollars is appropriated now for the parks.

MR. CLANCY:

It's actually 30.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

You are using 30 as an offset.

MR. CLANCY:

Correct.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

With 2120 we drew it down 50,000 because of the appropriation. So we are drawing that down by \$80,000, and the grand total is about 650 in 7510?

MR. CLANCY:

Correct.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Why did you have to go to that project rather than take it from the 250 that was for this construction?

MR. CLANCY:

We were informed that because of the bonding resolution that went through with the 250,000, the money was specific so we couldn't transfer the use.

LEG. ALDEN:

Good enough. Got it now.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to approve by Legislator O'Leary, seconded by Legislator Carpenter. All in favor?
Opposed?

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

\$30,000 for Third House.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

That's not the case, correct, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

No, it's not that case.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We've got dedicated funding this year for Third House. We've never had that, I don't think, before. All in favor? Any Opposed? Abstentions? Passed and carried. **APPROVED. (VOTE:7 •0•0•1) (Not present; Legis. Caracciolo).**

2132•04. Amending the 2004 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the beach replenishment at Meschutt County Park. (COUNTY EXEC)

LEG. ALDEN:

Explanation.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Commissioner •• well, let's do a motion and second. I'll make the motion and seconded by Legislator O'Leary.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It's a small park at the northeast corner of Shinnecock Canal where I understand a fine musical group plays occasionally. And there is essentially no •• it's called Meschutt Beach County Park, and there's pretty much no beach there. It's starved by the interruption of the litoral drift from west to east by the canal itself. This would pump some of the sand on the west over to the east and put it on the beach.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We have a question. Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:

Isn't that the subject of, some, like, permanent type of structures that were proposed to do that, that jumping?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I'm not aware of that. It may be.

MR. CLANCY:

I don't know anything about that.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It's something that's been talked about generically for years and years and years about the South Shore of Long Island in different ways, but I'm not aware that anyone has actually stepped into that kind of a project.

LEG. ALDEN:

I'll look into it, but I remember •• maybe the Chairman of Public Works...

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

I can hear George Guldi's voice talking about that in years past, you know, with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Shinnecock and shoring that up. I have a vague recollection of that. I don't know if it was Meshcutt Beach.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I would think if it was seriously being talked about it would be on the southern end of the canal on the ocean side versus the bay side.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

I think it was the ocean.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Again, I don't know.

LEG. ALDEN:

But the bypassed project had some kind of a thing that was going to build up the beaches all over on both sides.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

The groins, that would have been on the South Shore, right? On the south side of it.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yes.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Because then it would have been the National Sea Shore and involved the Corps of Engineers.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It would have involved the Army Corps of Engineers. They've talked a lot ••

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Then that would have been on the National Sea Shore on the south then, right?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:

How much?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

This is 250.

LEG. ALDEN:

Okay. Motion to adjourn.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is that all the questions. We already made a motion to approve, and we had a second. All in favor? Any Opposed? Abstentions? Passed and carried. **APPROVED. (VOTE:7•0•0•1) (Not present; Legis. Caracciolo).**

2146•04. Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to County campgrounds. (COUNTY EXEC)

LEG. CARPENTER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

There's a motion by Legislator Carpenter, seconded by Legislator Cooper. Again, Mr. Commissioner, if you will explain.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

A large portion of this money is for the first phase of a new restroom and shower building at Indian Island County Park, and the rest of it is for some other smaller campground improvements around •• in a number of our different campgrounds.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions? Legislator Carpenter.

LEG. CARPENTER:

The restroom and showers at Indian Island, are they due to be completed in time for the season?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

No. No. This just funds the first phase. It gets us on the block so we can start doing the ••

LEG. CARPENTER:

Okay. What is the targeted date for completion?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I would guess in 2006 sometime.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any other discussion?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Yes, Mr. Chair. I'd just like to point out that the amended copy of 2125 is before us now.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We already passed it. We approved it as amended. On 2146 there's been a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Passed and carried. **APPROVED. (VOTE:7•0•0•1) (Not present; Legis. Caracciolo).**

All right. Commissioner, while you are here, before we adjourn, is there any other matters you want to apprise us of?

LEG. ALDEN:

Third House. Gives us some good news.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

How about Third House?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Third House. They're still having trouble getting the architect to complete his plans, but we expect he will. And we hope to bid that some time before spring, I hope.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

The Coindre Hall of the East End.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

We're diligently hammering this ••

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's raining right now, and I'm sure it's raining inside of Third House.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It probably is. I would just advise the body that this evening at seven o'clock is the lighting of the Big Duck, and you're all invited to be there.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

You're not lighting it on fire, right?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

No. That's not the plan.

LEG. ALDEN:

Where is the Big Duck now?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's not quite where it's supposed to be. It's slowly moving north on County Road 24, Riverhead•Flanders area.

LEG. ALDEN:

A project update on the maintenance facility at Timber Point, is that going along?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Schedule for bidding in January. We're still working on a few loose ends in the plans, but it is coming along.

LEG. ALDEN:

Good. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Anything else you want to tell us about?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

That's it for me.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Motion to adjourn.

LEG. COOPER:

Second.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Motion to adjourn and a second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We are adjourned.

(* THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M. *)

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